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Inventor(s): Vahid SAADAT et al.
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SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 27, 2007 in the above-identified United States Patent Application, for which a response is due on May 27, 2007. Since May 27, 2007 fell on a Sunday and Monday was a federal holiday, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.